

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14, 16, 17, 19-27, 29-36, 38-46 and 48 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

The Examiner rejected Claims 14, 16, 17, 19, 27, 29, 36, 38, 46 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Raveis, Jr. US 2001/0047282 A1 in view of Hoyt et al. (U.S. pat. No. 6,067,531). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

With respect to Claim 14 (and similarly for dependent Claim 16), such claim depends upon Claim 1, which is indicated as being allowed. It is therefore urged that Claim 14 (and similarly for dependent Claim 16) is allowable at least for the same reasons as Claim 1 is allowed.

With respect to Claim 17 (and similarly for dependent Claim 19), such claim depends upon Claim 7, and Applicants urge that Claim 17 (and similarly for dependent Claim 19) is allowable for similar reasons given below with respect to Claim 7 (in Section II. of this paper).

With respect to Claim 27 (and similarly for dependent Claim 29), such claim depends upon Claim 20, which is indicated as being allowed. It is therefore urged that Claim 27 (and similarly for dependent Claim 29) is allowable at least for the same reasons as Claim 20 is allowed.

With respect to Claim 36 (and similarly for Claim 38), such claim depends upon Claim 30, which is indicated as being allowed. It is therefore urged that Claim 36 (and similarly for Claim 38) is allowable at least for the same reasons as Claim 30 is allowed.

With respect to Claim 46 (and similarly for Claim 48), such claim depends upon Claim 39, which is indicated as being allowed. It is therefore urged that Claim 46 (and similarly for Claim 48) is allowable at least for the same reasons as Claim 39 is allowed.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 14, 16, 17, 19, 27, 29, 36, 38, 46 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been overcome.

II. Claims 7-13

Claims 7-13 were not addressed by the Examiner in the Office Action dated 03/14/2006. Applicants urge that such claims are allowable for similar reasons as Claims 1-6 are allowed.

III. Allowed Claims

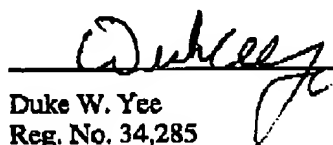
Applicants graciously acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1-6, 20-26, 30-35 and 39-45.

IV. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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